

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED
GREATER PRAIRIE CREEK ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) and National Park Service (NPS) have prepared an Environmental Assessment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and intend to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the proposed project. CDPR and NPS are the lead agencies for the proposed project under CEQA and NEPA, respectively.

PROJECT LOCATION: Redwood National and State Parks, Humboldt County, CA

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: CDPR and NPS propose to rehabilitate 9,200 acres in the Greater Prairie Creek watershed and restore ecosystem processes that have been degraded by historical land use. Rehabilitation would be accomplished through thinning second growth forests to reduce stand density and alter species composition to promote growth of remaining trees, understory vegetation, and development of multi-story canopy; removing or maintaining roads to reduce the potential for erosion and sedimentation into streams; restoring instream habitat complexity; and augmenting riparian corridors by planting native vegetation.

PUBLIC MEETING: CDPR and NPS will hold a public meeting on April 17 from 6pm to 8pm at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Arcata Office at 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft Initial Study (IS)/ND and EA is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning April 10, 2019. Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Questions or written comments should be submitted no later than May 9, 2019, to the following addresses:

- California Department of Parks and Recreation, Fort Humboldt, ATTN: Shannon Dempsey, P.O. Box 2006, Eureka, California 95502
- National Park Service, South Operations Center, ATTN: Leonel Arguello, P.O. Box 7, Orick, California 95555.

Copies of the IS/ND and EA may be reviewed at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/GPC>, https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=980, or at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Arcata Library, 500 7th Street, Arcata, California 95521
- California Department of Parks and Recreation, North Coast Redwoods District, 3431 Fort Avenue, Eureka, California 95503
- California Department of Parks and Recreation, Northern Service Center, One Capitol Mall, Suite 410, Sacramento, California 95814
- Del Norte County Library, 190 Prince Mall, Crescent City, California 95531
- Humboldt County Library, 1313 3rd Street, Eureka, California 95501
- Humboldt State University Library, 1 Harpst Street, Arcata, California 95521
- McKinleyville Library, 1606 Pickett Road, McKinleyville, California 95519
- National Park Service, South Operations Center, 121200 Highway 101, Orick, California 95555

- Redwood National and State Parks, 1111 Second Street, Crescent City, California 95531
- Thomas H. Kuchel Visitor Center, US-101 and Redwood Highway, Orick, California 95555

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